

APR 13 1961

Approved For Release 2000/05/05 : CIA-RDP75-00

EVENING 62,208
SUNDAY 51,447

CPYRIGHT

APR 13 1961

FOIAb3b

CIA Official Blasts Red Campaign to Win U. S. Teachers

Special to The Standard-Times

CHICAGO, April 12—Teachers in high schools, colleges and universities and students at these levels have been prime targets for Communist propaganda for more than 25 years, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr., inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, told the National Military-Industrial and Educational Conference.

Communists have been adept in twisting naturally liberal leanings of teachers, instructors and college professors to their own ends, he said. The attack upon American colleges, Kirkpatrick said in a speech yesterday at the Hotel Sherman is part of a world conspiracy to shackle young minds and use the normal "radicalism of youth" as a Communist weapon.

"Let there be no illusion that

the Communist efforts in the schools, colleges and universities will be confined to the areas of the Red bloc. Throughout the world there is ample evidence that the Communists are determined to win the youth as the first step in winning the world," he continued.

Kirkpatrick added that special notice of the effort in American high schools, colleges and universities has been taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He

said J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, has made a number of reports on it and wrote: "Successful Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world represent a major challenge that must be met and defeated."

Statements recently made by American Communist leaders were cited by the speaker. Gus Hall, general secretary of the U. S. General Communist Party, said Jan. 20, "There is a mushrooming of Marxist and Socialist-oriented groups on the campuses in all parts of the country, and we have witnessed the emergence of a new and very successful youth paper. The party must give much higher priority for the work among youth in all fields of endeavor."

Kirkpatrick indicated that such

mushrooming of Communist-oriented sentiment is not self-generating. It stems from teacher guidance—even when this is unconscious or, as in some instances, not maliciously carried out. Nevertheless, teacher influences on students are enormous and are in general responsible for a turning of students away from American ideals and institutions, he said.

"Seriousness of this whole affair cannot be overemphasized," Kirkpatrick added.

"Teachers are the principle targets for Communist pressures and manipulations, because students in general are more influenced by teachers than by their own home environments."

It is typical of Russian Communist tactics, Kirkpatrick continued, that every kind of study—political, historical, economic and social—is used to direct its own propaganda against the United States. All these studies are presented in Soviet-controlled countries and by many teachers in the United States almost wholly from the viewpoint of the so-called class war.

"Under the Communist scheme of things, the student is not just a passive recipient of indoctrination. The objective is to bring him under firm control and to make him an activist," Kirkpatrick declared.

A great many so-called international unions of teachers and unions of students, world federations of "democratic youth" and world youth festivals are Communist front organizations, the speaker declared.

Latest of these is the so-called Friendship University, which is due to attempt to attract students from the United States for five-year fully-paid courses. While there, they will be fed wholly on Communist doctrine and denied the full open documented study that our universities at their best insist upon, Kirkpatrick said.